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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 23, 2015

PROPOSED BILL No. 467 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FACILITATION OF TELEMEDICINE.

Testimony of Laima Karosas PhD, APRN representing the CT ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE SOCIETY (CTAPRNS)

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, Representative Srinivasan, Senator Markley and members of the Committee

Thank you for raising this bill and issues regarding telemedicine services.

I am the Co-Chair of the Health Policy Committee for the Connecticut Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Society and ask that as you progress with establishing a telemedicine approach to care that you also take care to address inclusion of APRNs in telemedicine legislation.

Given that APRNs are duly licensed and practicing health care providers in the state, we ask that state law be written to include providing coverage by APRNs for telemedicine services for APRN patients, under the same guidelines and restrictions as other providers. We agree that properly administered telemedicine can provide valuable care to the patient for timely delivery of clinical health care services which facilitates the assessment, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management, and self management of a patient's health care.

Thank you for considering this request and for the opportunity to raise our concerns.

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